



## Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

May 13, 2022  
12:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Via Zoom

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Patrick Loose, County of San Diego (Co-Chair), Robert Lewis, Family Health Centers of San Diego (Co-Chair), Michael Abassian, CA Department of Public Health, Mark Beatty, MD, County of San Diego, James Dunford, MD, McAlister Institute, Carrie Farrell, County of San Diego, Meghan Johnson, County of San Diego, Lori Jones, County of San Diego, Christian Ramers, MD, Family Health Centers of San Diego, Claire Riley, County of San Diego, Andrea Tomada, County of San Diego and S. Samantha Tweeten, PhD County of San Diego

**Contract Support Staff:** Scott Suckow, Liver Coalition of San Diego and Ryan Clary, Clary Strategies.

**The meeting started at 12:05 PM. The purpose of the Task Force was reviewed.**

Purpose: To coordinate the implementation of the plan to eliminate HCV in San Diego County by 2030. With the overarching targets: • 80% decrease of incidence of chronic HCV by 2030, and • 65% reduction of HCV mortality by 2030.

### Updates: Plan of Work

Annual Progress Report: Andrea Tomada will serve as the point person as it relates to committee updates for the report. The goal is to have a draft by the first week of June. There will be a Board of Supervisors Memo, which is an update and does not include a presentation.

HCV Bridge: Dr. Ramers reported that there will be a May 4<sup>th</sup> a training at TrueCare and on June 18 a training to Neighborhood Healthcare.

Virtual Trainings: Scott shared that Viral Hepatitis in Kids will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> and Hepatitis C and Substance Use will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Health Center Partners CMO Committee Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>: Scott shared that the key points to guide the discussion have been narrowed to just two. Javier Rodriguez, CMO at La Maestra will introduce us and Scott will lead the discussion along with Andrea Tomada and Ryan Clary.

- Testing and Linkage – Brief overview of the findings for this area. Followed by a conversation: the report looks at providing Hep C testing in non-traditional settings. Mobile clinics are the best tool. We want to learn who has mobile clinics. Do they currently test for HIV and/or HCV? If not, do they plan on adding that testing? Who should be talk to about their mobile clinics.
- Treatment – Brief overview of the findings for this area. Followed by a conversation: we are wondering if each clinic's EHR can run a report of who has been tested for HCV, then follow up on those. There is a large number of folks who tested positive, but did not seek treatment for whatever reasons. Now, with a cure, it's good to follow-up with those patients.

Ryan Clary provided an update on the June 17 Hepatitis C Elimination Learning Exchange. The topic: Addressing HCV Among People Who Use Drugs. Presentations will cover community practices and national trends.

### **Committee Updates**

The California Ending the Epidemics state planning efforts have started. Leadership in those efforts were also involved with San Diego County elimination planning efforts. **ACTION: Patrick Loose asked that a cross-walk between plans be developed to identify any gaps not addressed in their plan.**

### **General Updates**

Social Media: Dr. Wooten offered the County as a resource on social media. Suggested a possible survey of stakeholders to determine what information would like.

**The meeting ended at 1:00 PM**

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